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Racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related forms of intolerance, follow-up to and implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action

Algeria (on behalf of the Group of African States), Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Cuba, Panama,* Peru:* draft resolution

30/... Forum on people of African descent in the diaspora

The Human Rights Council,

Recalling all its previous resolutions and those of the erstwhile Commission on Human Rights on the subject of the elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, and stressing in this regard the primacy of the full and effective implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action,

Reaffirming all previous resolutions of the General Assembly on the imperative need to eliminate racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance,

Reaffirming also, in the above context, all previous resolutions of the General Assembly on the International Decade for People of African Descent,

Underlining in particular General Assembly resolutions 68/237 of 23 December 2013 and 69/16 of 18 November 2014, by which the Assembly proclaimed the International Decade for People of African Descent and adopted its programme of activities,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 56/266 of 27 March 2002 and 59/177 of 20 December 2004 on the appointment and the mandate of the independent eminent experts in mobilizing the necessary political will required for the successful implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action,

1. *Commends* the important work undertaken by the independent eminent experts in the execution of their mandate, and welcomes their report;[1]

2. *Recommends* that the Secretary-General, through the General Assembly, review and rescind the mandate of the independent eminent experts for the successful implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action and, in lieu of this

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[1] A/HRC/26/56.

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mandate, to establish a forum on people of African descent, consistent with paragraph 29 (i) of the annex to Assembly resolution 69/16;

3. *Also recommends* in the above context that the mandate of the forum on people of African descent shall be to serve as a consultative mechanism for people of African descent in the diaspora as well as an advisory body to the Human Rights Council on the plight and needs of the people of African Descent with a view to achieving the following objectives:

(*a*) Full political, economic and social inclusion of people of African descent in the societies in which they live as equal citizens enjoying substantive equality in terms of their rights;

(*b*) Provide expert advice and recommendations aimed at addressing challenges of all the scourges of racism confronted by people of African descent in the diaspora and impeding the full and effective realization of all their human rights and fundamental freedoms;

(*c*) Identify and analyse best practices, challenges, opportunities and initiatives for the further implementation of the provisions of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action relevant to people of African descent in the diaspora;

(*d*) Monitor and review progress on the implementation of the programme of activities of the International Decade for People of African Descent, and to this end gather relevant information from Governments, United Nations bodies and organs, intergovernmental organizations, non-governmental organizations and other relevant sources;

(*e*) Prepare and disseminate information on people of African descent issues;

(*f*) Raise awareness and promote integration and coordination of activities relating to people of African descent within the United Nations system;

(*g*) Coordinate programmes aimed at the human development indices among the communities of people of African descent in the diaspora with indicators directly relevant to their development needs;

4. *Decides* that the modalities and the structure of the forum will be decided following regional consultations in areas where people of African descent live, and bearing in mind their views and priorities;

5. *Recommends* to the General Assembly that the launch of the forum be preceded by regional consultations, in regions where people of African descent in the diaspora live and are citizens, for the purpose of transparency, participation and inclusivity with regard to the structure of the proposed forum;

6. *Decides* to remain seized of this priority matter.